

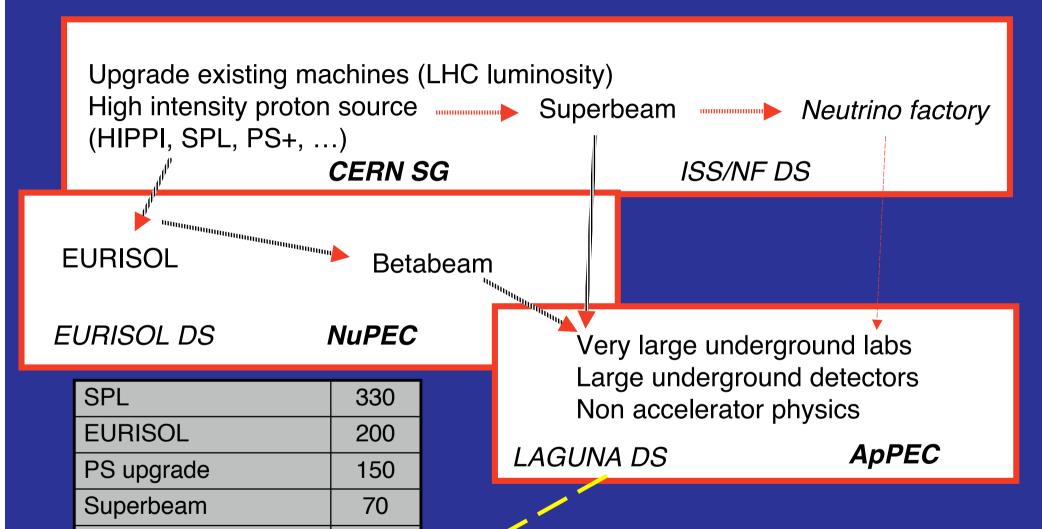
Introduction

- The liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LAr TPC) is a powerful detector for uniform and high accuracy imaging of massive active volumes. It is based on the fact that in highly pure Argon, ionization tracks can be drifted over distances of the order of meters. Imaging is provided by position-segmented electrodes at the end of the drift path, continuously recording the signals induced. T₀ is provided by the prompt scintillation light.
- We have proposed a conceptual, scalable design for very large liquid Argon TPCs, with masses potentially up to order 100 kton (GLACIER).
- The feasibility and optimization of this design is the aim of an R&D program currently underway.
- According to the European ApPEC (=Astroparticle Physics European Coordination)
 roadmap, the design of large underground detectors should converge towards a
 possible "proposal" around 2010 (LAGUNA design study=Large Apparati for Grand
 Unified and Neutrino Astrophysics).
- The future of neutrino beams in Europe is currently coordinated by BENE and eventually most likely by the CERN Strategy Group (SG)

LAGUNA is a coordinated European effort

- At the ApPEC "Munich meeting" held on November 2005, a coordinated effort among the 3 "liquids" has been proposed and accepted. Large detectors like Water Cherenkov, Liquid Scintillator and Liquid Argon present important physics complementarities and also a lot of common R&D needs. They have to work in synergy.
- The purpose is to develop conceptual designs for European large scale liquid detectors into coherent and well-coordinated EU wide efforts towards a common physics goal and solving common problems together, taking into account the unique technological expertise in Europe and the other existing or planned programs in the world, such that mature designs and credible scenarios can be proposed around 2010.
- During the last months, an effort has been made to consolidate these ideas into a format compatible with potential EU Framework Programme FP7 instruments. The idea is to submit a common EU design study on the three liquids by beginning of 2007.
- This effort, although oriented towards a potential infrastructure in Europe, should allow Europeans to contribute in a coherent way and possibly with better impact, to the on-going discussions worldwide (e.g. NNN workshops).

Overall picture of activities (and dreams...)



340

500

1500

β decay ring

Total

Lab + detectors

Rough cost in M€ (no manpower, no contingencies)

Where?



IUS

Institute of Underground Science in Boulby mine, UK



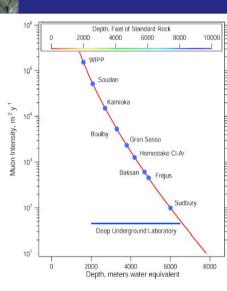
Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane, France



Currently there is no available sight to host very large scale detectors in Europe!

- •New facilities will have to be excavated or old one extended
- •What depth?
- •What other synergies? (beamline distance)
- •What is the distance from reactors?







LSC

Laboratorio Subterraneo de Canfranc, Spain



LNGS

Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso, Italy

Site investigation

- Work closely with Integrated Large Infrastructure for Astroparticle Science ILIAS-N2-WG1
 - And respective WG in ILIAS-next
 - → ILIAS N2: propose to organise a technical meeting on site expansions and technical issues in November 2006
- Pre-feasibility studies
 - Partially done (Fréjus, Pyhäsalmi)
 - Extend to LNGS, Sieroszowice, ...
 - Green fields
 - Report on constructability: possible show-stoppers
- Feasibility studies (for all sites)
 Including thorough rock sampling, rock simulations
 - Pre-plan for construction
 - Cost estimates
 - Site pre-selection
- Final goal ⇒ Detailed plans for site construction

Very preliminary sites vs experiments

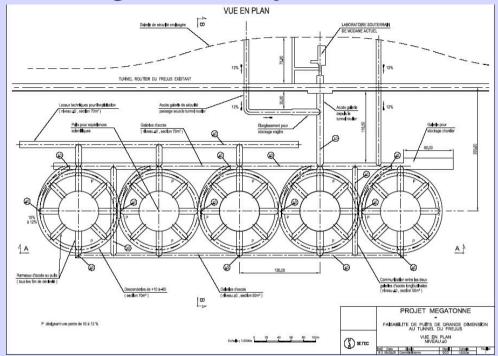
		Mt Water Cerenkov	50 kt Liquid Scintillator	100 kt Liquid Argon
Fréjus	Tunnel / hard rock	√√√	√√	√√
Gran Sasso	Tunnel / soft rock	√	√√	√
Canfranc	Tunnel	?	?	?
Pyhäsalmi	Mine / hard rock	√	√√√	₩
Boulby	Mine / salt (potash)	?	?	?
Polkowice - Sieroszowice	Mine / salt & rock	√	√√	√√√
Green fields	Own shaft / Hard rock	√	√	√√√

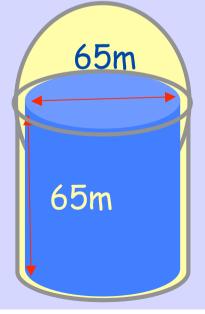
√√√ primary interest; √√ probably; √ unlikely; ? unknown

Pre-feasibility study in the central region of Fréjus tunnel

Excavation engineering pre-study has been done by SETEC & STONE companies

- 1) the best site (rock quality) is found in the middle of the mountain, at a depth of 4800 mwe: a really good chance!
- 2) of the two considered shapes: "tunnel" and "shaft", the "shaft (= well) shape" is strongly preferred
- 3) Cylindrical shafts are feasible up to : a diameter $\Phi = 65$ m and a full height h = 80 m ($\approx 250~000~m^3$)
- 4) with "egg shape" or "intermediate shape" the volume of the shafts could be still increased
- 5) The estimated cost is ≈ 80 M€ X Nb of shafts





Scenarios:

3 shafts ≈ 450 ktons H2O

4 shafts ≈ 600 ktons H2O

+1 shaft ≈ 100 kton LAr ?

Sieroszowice mine (Poland) - big salt cavern



Volume (100x15x20) m³

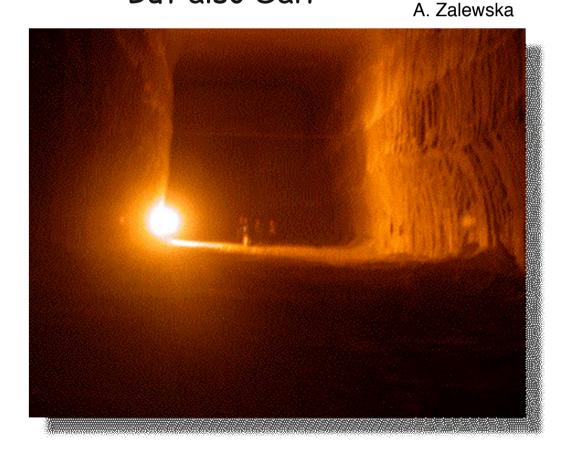
Depth ~950 m from a surface

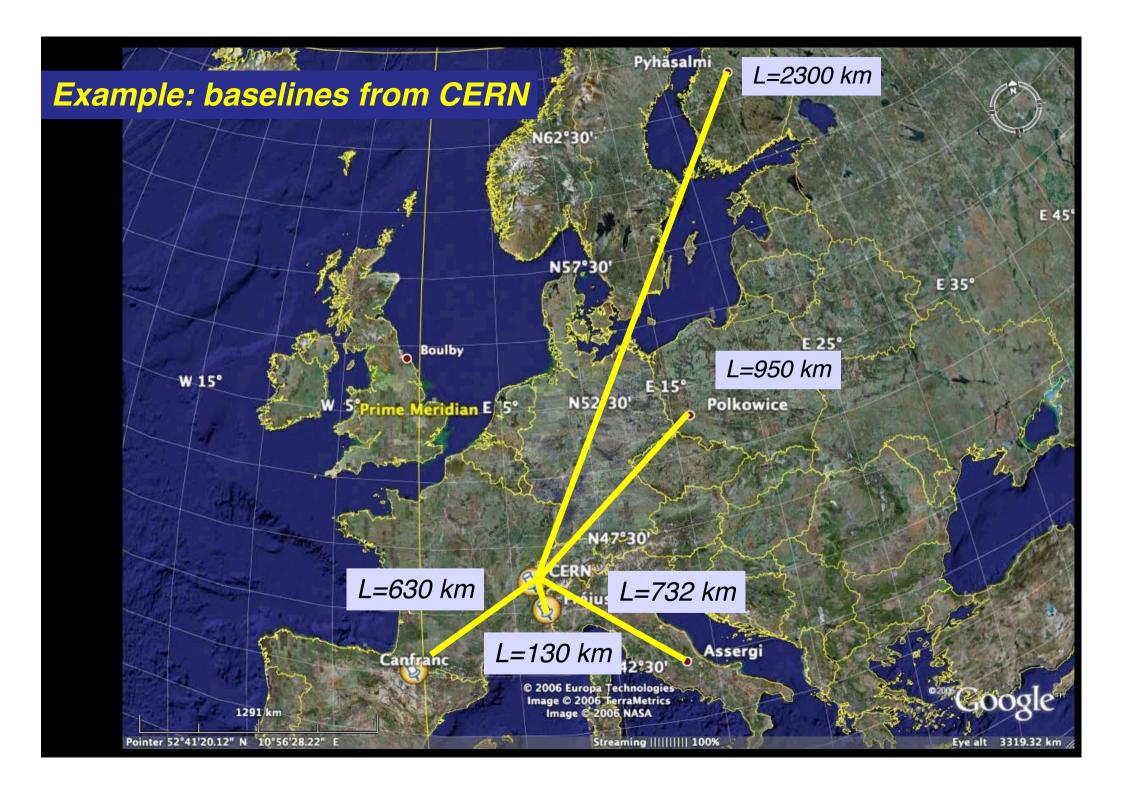
Salt layer ~70 m thick

Temperature ~35°C

Very good radioactive background conditions

Copper - 6th position in the world's exploitation ranking
Silver - 2nd position
But also Salt







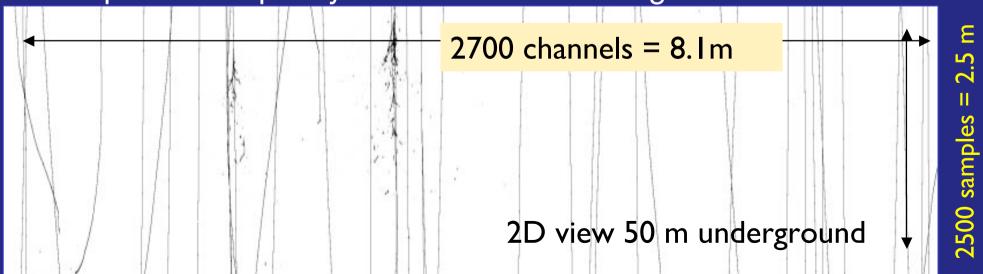
Anywhere? Shallow depth in green field

If rock is well known and <u>very good</u> <u>quality</u> in a given site, a new hole in virgin ground can be considered:

- 200 m depth relatively "easy"
- Excavation cost ≈ 5-10 M€ for shaft and ≈20M€ for 100 kton LAr experimental hall
- 1400 m possible ≈ +20 M€
 (J. Peltoniemi)

Depth rock	Total crossing muons (E> 1GeV)	Fiducial mass after slice of size D around each muon is vetoed		
	per 10ms	D=10 cm		
Surface	13000			
50 m	100	50 kton		
188 m	3.2	98 kton		
1 km w.e	0.65	100 kton		
2 km w.e	0.062	100 kton		
3 km w.e	0.010	100 kton		

Example of occupancy in LAr @ 50 m underground:



Detector concept:

The Giant Liquid Argon Charge Imaging ExpeRiment (GLACIER)

GLACIER list

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Giant Liquid Argon Charge Imaging ExpeRiment Electronic crates **GLACIER 100 kton** hep-ph/0402110 Venice, 2003 AND LITTER TO h = 20 mMax drift Passive perlite insulation New method R/O Very long drift Single module cryo-tanker based on industrial LNG technology GAr Project: Large Underground Argon Storage Tank LAr A feasibility study mandated to E=1 kV/cm Fleid shaping Technodyne Ltd (UK): Feb-Dec 2004 Could potentially be magnetized

UV & Cerenkov light readout photo-detectors

The concepts for the scalable design

Petrochemical industrialization

- → Proven LNG tanker with standard aspect ratio
- → Vertical electron drift for full active volume

Novel method of readout

- → A new method for charge readout to allow for a very long drift path
- → To avoid use of readout wires, which can be hardly mechanically and electrically scaled (S/N) and with disfavored use in conjunction with magnetic fields (induction).
- → A path towards pixelized readout for 3D images.

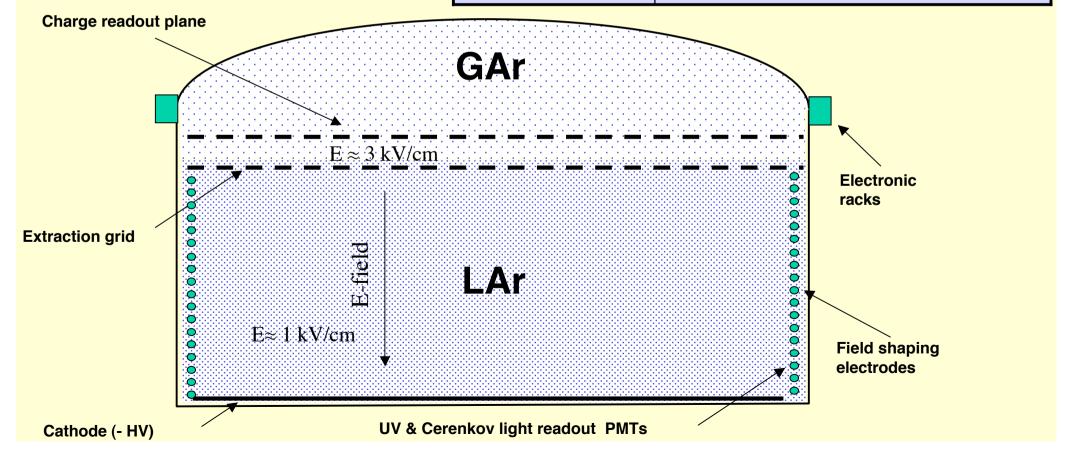
Voltage multiplier

- ⇒Extend drift voltage by additional of stages, w/o VHV feed-through
- Very long drift path
 - → Minimize channels by increasing active volume with longer drift path
- Light readout on surface of tanker
- Immersed superconducting solenoid for B-field

The detector layout

Single detector: charge imaging, scintillation, possibly Cerenkov light

Dewar			
Argon storage	Boiling Argon, low pressure (<100 mbar overpressure)		
Argon total volume	73000 m³, ratio area/volume ≈ 15%		
Argon total mass	102000 tons		
Hydrostatic pressure at bottom	3 atmospheres		
Inner detector dimensions	Disc φ ≈70 m located in gas phase above liquid phase		
Charge readout electronics	100000 channels, 100 racks on top of the dewar		
Scintillation light readout	Yes (also for triggering), 1000 immersed 8" PMTs with WLS		
Visible light readout	Yes (Cerenkov light), 27000 immersed 8" PMTs of 20% coverage, single γ counting capability		



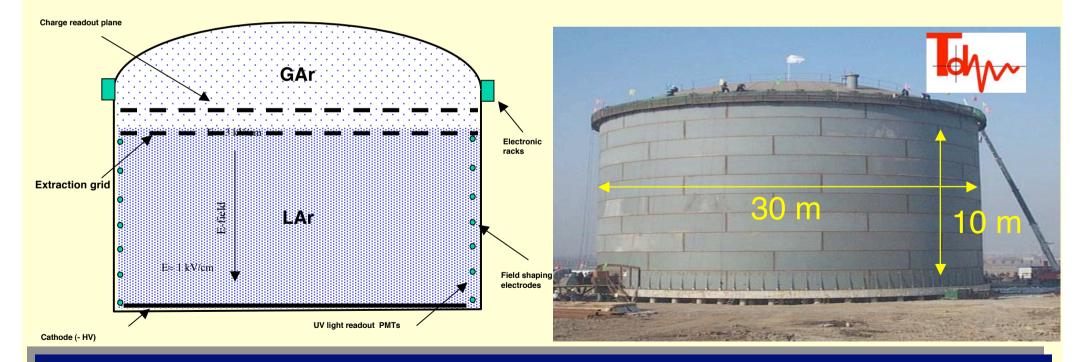
A scalable design: 10 kton prototype

- 10% full-scale prototype
- Shallow depth
- Physics program on its own

(e.g. sensitivity for p $\rightarrow v$ K: $\tau > 10^{34}$ yrs for 10 years running)

Complementary to SuperK

Dewar			
Argon storage	Boiling Argon, low pressure (<100 mbar overpressure)		
Argon total volume	7000 m³, ratio area/volume ≈ 33%		
Argon total mass	9900 tons		
Hydrostatic pressure at bottom	1.5 atmospheres		
Inner detector dimensions	Disc φ ≈30 m located in gas phase above liquid phase		
Charge readout electronics	30000 channels, 30 racks on top of the dewar		
Scintillation light readout	Yes (also for triggering), 300 immersed 8" PMTs with WLS		

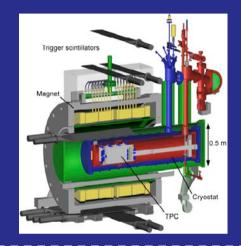


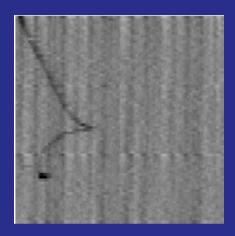
• 1% prototype: 1 kton engineering detector, $\phi \approx$ 10m, h \approx 10m, shallow depth?

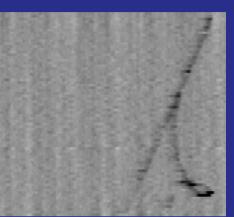
Small scale test of a 10 lt LAr TPC embedded in a B-field

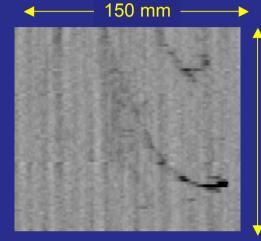
First real events in B-field (B=0.55T):

New J. Phys. 7 (2005) 63 NIM A 555 (2005) 294





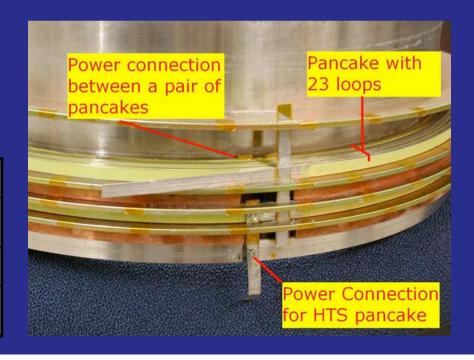




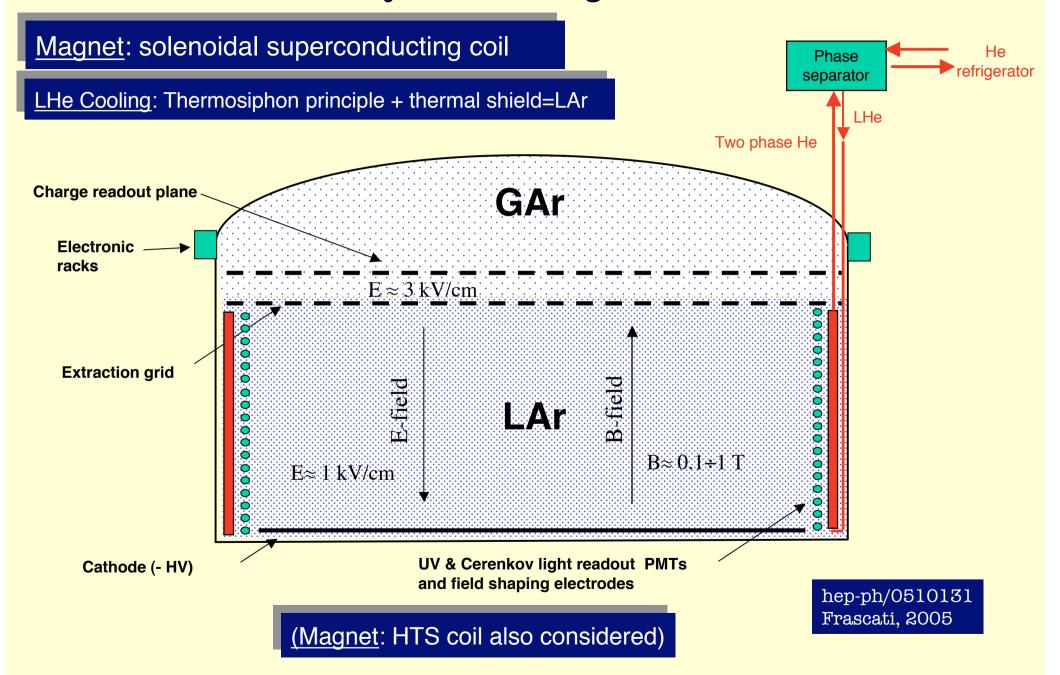
New test: small test solenoid built wit HTS wire (American Superconductor)

Made of 4 pancakes, total HTS wire length: 80m

Temperature	LN ₂ (77K)	LAr (87K)
Max. applied current	145 A	80 A
On-axis B-field	0.2 T	0.11 T
Coil resistance at 4A	6 μΩ	6 μΩ



Tentative layout for a magnetized detector



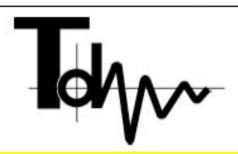
Tentative coil parameters

Other examples: ALEPH, CDF, ATLAS Toroids, AMS-II

	10 kton LAr		100 kton LAr		ATLAS solenoid	CMS		
Magnetic induction (T)	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.4	1.0	2.0	4.0
Solenoid diameter (m)	30		70			2.4	6	
Solenoid length (m)	10		20		5.3	12.5		
Magnetic volume (m³)	7700 77000		21	400				
Stored magnetic energy (GJ)	0.03	0.5	3	0.3	5	30	0.04	2.7
Magnetomotive force (MAt)	0.8	3.2	8	1.6	6.4	16	9.3	42
Radial magnetic pressure (kPa)	4	64	400	4	64	400	1600	6500
Coil current (kA)	30 (I/I _c =50%)		8	20				
Total length conductor (km)	2.5	10	25	12	57	117	5.6	45
Conductor type	NbTi/Cu normal superconductor, T=4.4K							

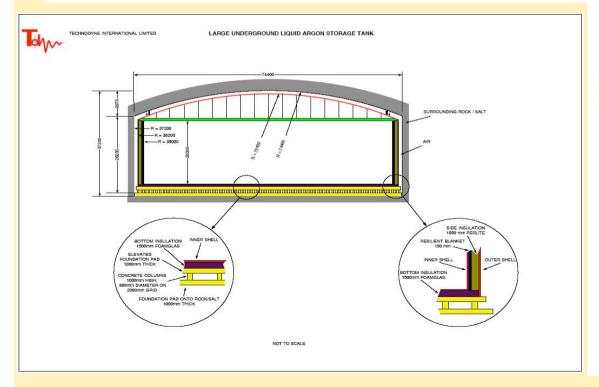
(Detailed magnetic, mechanical, thermal and quench analysis yet to be performed...)

Study of large underground storage tank



A feasibility study mandated to Technodyne LtD (UK): a unique opportunity! Project: Large Underground Argon Storage Tank

Document Title: Study



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February - December 2004

Tanks above surface

- Rules defined in Part 4-2 of EUROCODE 3 (EUROCODES = The rules for design in civil engineering on a new, pan-European basis)
- Provides principles and application rules for the structural design of vertical cylindrical above ground steel tanks for the storage of liquid products with the following characteristics
 - → Characteristic internal pressures above the liquid level not less than -100mbar and not more than 500 mbar
 - → Design metal temperature in the range of -50°C to +300°C. For tanks constructed using austenitic stainless steel, the design metal temperature may be in the range of -165°C to +300°C;
 - ➤ Maximum design liquid level not higher than the top of the cylindrical shell.
 - ⇒ EN 1993-4-2 is concerned only with the requirements for resistance and stability of steel tanks. Other design requirements are covered by
 - **☞**prEN 14015 for ambient temperature tanks;
 - prEN 14620 for cryogenic tanks;
 - **☞ prEN 1090 for fabrication and erection considerations**. These other requirements include foundations and settlement, fabrication, erection and testing, functional performance, and details like man-holes, flanges, and filling devices.
 - → Provisions concerning the special requirements of seismic design are provided in EUROCODE 8, Part 4, which complements the provisions of EUROCODE 3 specifically for this purpose. The design of a supporting structure for a tank is dealt with in EN 1993-1-1. The design of an aluminum roof structure on a steel tank is dealt with in EN 1999-1-5.

Tanks located underground



- Worldwide for LNG storage the largest above ground tank that has been built to date is the 180,000m³ tank at Senboku Japan. The industry also perceives the requirement to increase the capacity to above 200,000m³ in the near future. It is feasible to increase the tank capacities of Concrete / 9% Ni Steel storage tank designs to capacities above 200,000 m³
- Underground tanks contemplated for physics experiments are relatively small compared to those used by the petro-chemical industry for above ground storage of materials.
- Outcome of study with Technodyne: The principles used in the design of above ground storage tanks should be readily transferable to an underground scenario.
- Extra considerations will obviously have to be taken into account when underground however, other design considerations such as wind loading and solar heating effects are eliminated from the above ground case.

Erection of a tank above surface











Tank budgetary costing

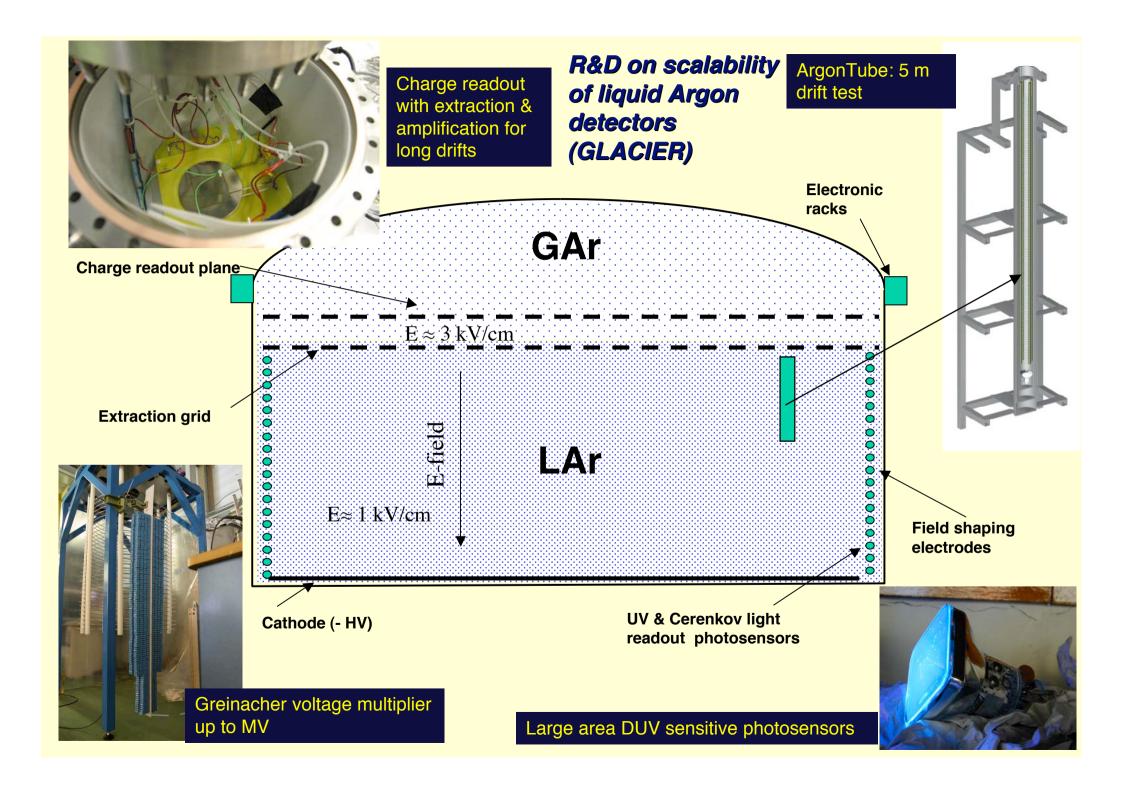
 The estimated costs tabulated below are for an inner tank of radius 35m and height 20m, an outer tank of radius 36.2m and height 22.5m. The product height is assumed to be 19m giving a product mass of 101.8 k tonnes.

Item	Description	Size	Million Euros
1	Steel	3400 tonnes	11.6
2	Insulation	16200 m ³	2.6
3	Concrete	9000 m ³	2.7
4	Electro-polishing	38000 m ² Plate 20.5 km weld	8.2
5	Construction design / labour		18.8
6	Site equipment / infrastructure		9.8
	Total		53.7
6	Underground factor		2.0 Too cons
	Underground tank cost		107.4

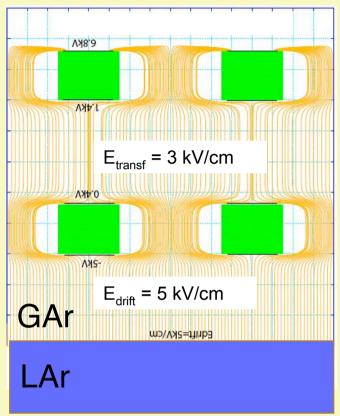
rvative?

More studies needed to address additional cost for underground construction

R&D

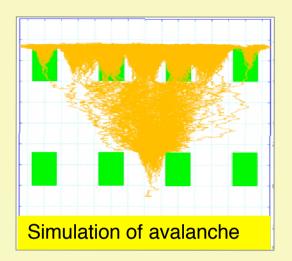


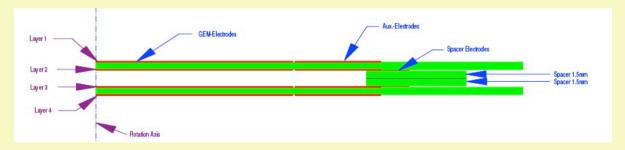
Charge readout: Thick Large Electron Multiplier (LEM)

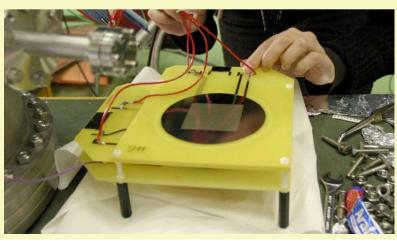


Thick-LEM: Vetronite with holes, coated with copper

- → macroscopic GEM
- → easier to operate at cryogenic temperatures
- \rightarrow hole dimensions: 500 μm diameter, 800 μm distance

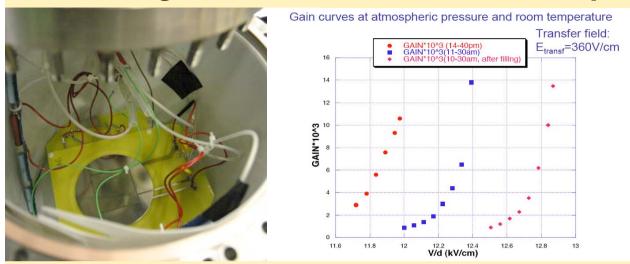




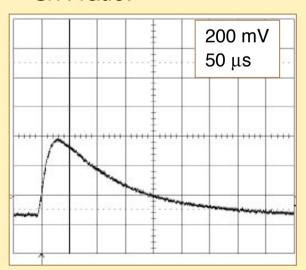


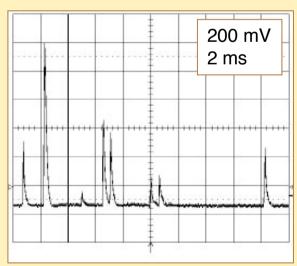
- •Thickness: 1.5 mm
- •Amplification hole diameter = $500 \mu m$
- •Distance between centers of neighboring holes = 800 μ m
- → Distance between stages:3 mm
- → Avalanche spreads into several holes at second stage
- → Higher gain reached as with one stage, with good stability

Two-stage LEM: measurements and prospects

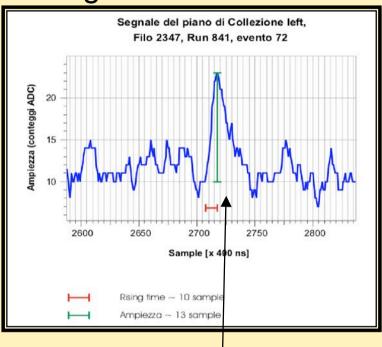


Shapes from Fe⁵⁵ radioactive source (5.8 keV, event rate about 1kHz) of the signals from double-stage LEM system have a very clean S/N ratio.



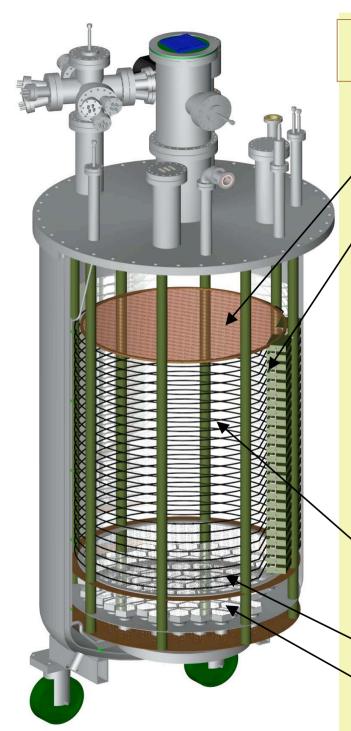


MIP signal in ICARUS T300



This technique solves the non-scalability of the traditional wire readout used in ICARUS E.g. MIP signal @ ≈2 MeV/cm has poor S/N!

Full imaging TPC with LEM to be tested in 1 ton prototype @ CERN



Prototype layout: ArDM experiment

CIEMAT - ETHZ - Granada - Sheffield - Warszawa - U. Zurich

Two-stage LEM for electron multiplication and readout

Greinacher chain: supplies the right voltages to the field shaper rings and the cathode up to 500 kV





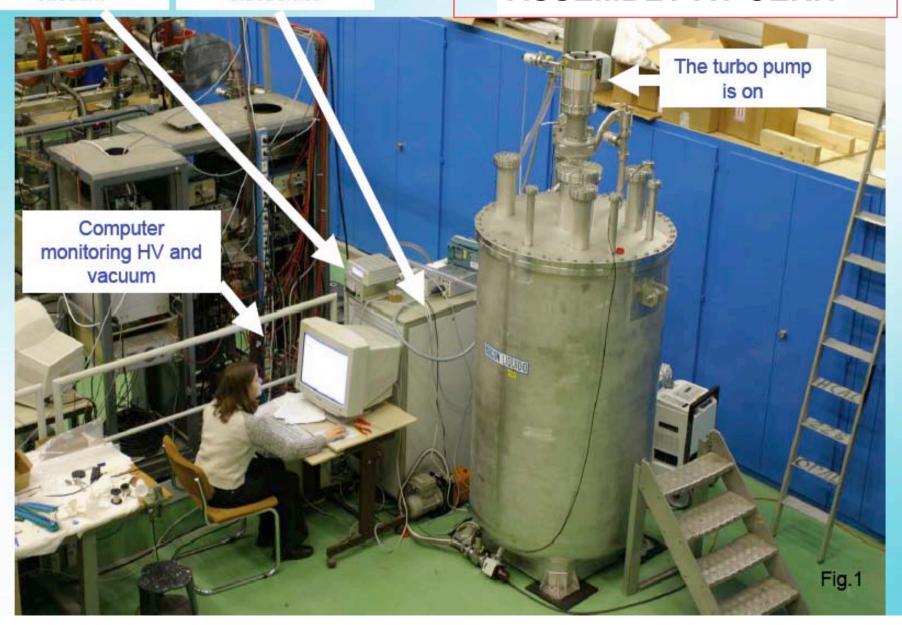
Field shapers are needed to provide a homogeneous electric field, but are thin enough to permit the scintillation light to be reflected from the container walls

Transparent cathode

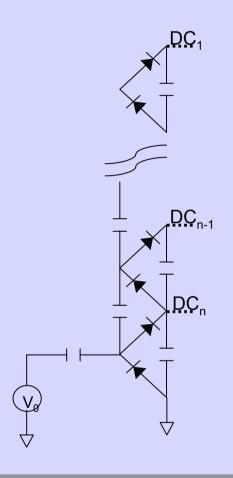
PMTs below the cathode to detect the scintillation light

Slow control for the vacuum Rack for the HV electronics

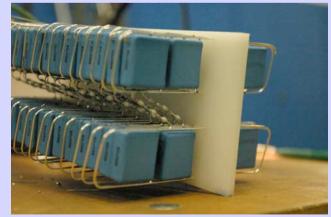
ASSEMBLY AT CERN



Drift very high voltage: Greinacher circuit



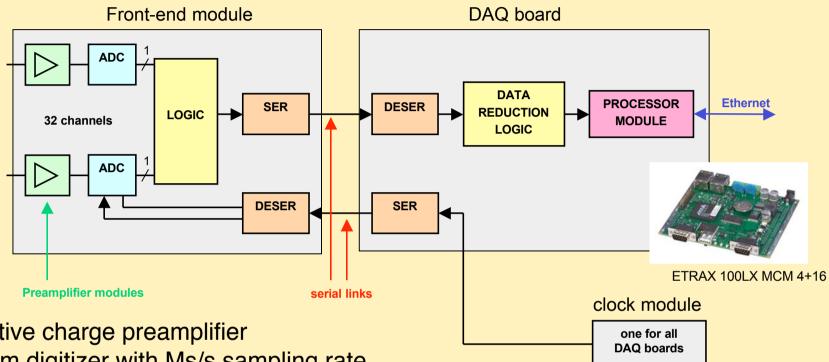
- No load to avoid resistive ripple
- *Low frequency (50-500 Hz) to induce noise with a spectrum far from the bandwidth of the preamplifiers used to read out the wires or strips
- Possibility to stop feeding circuit during an event trigger



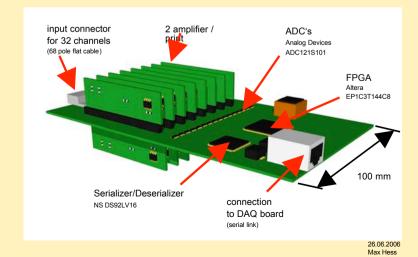


Greinacher or Cockroft/Walton voltage multiplier

Large number of channels waveform digitizers

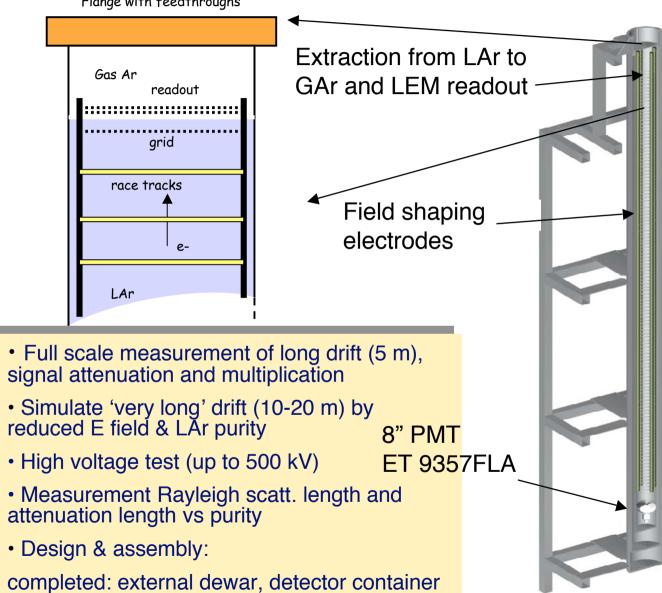


- fC-sensitive charge preamplifier
- Waveform digitizer with Ms/s sampling rate
- Zero suppression
- No dead-time
- Embedded processor for high level data compression and network connection
- Many channels / unit
- Affordable (<50€/channel)



Long drift, extraction, amplification: "ARGONTUBE"





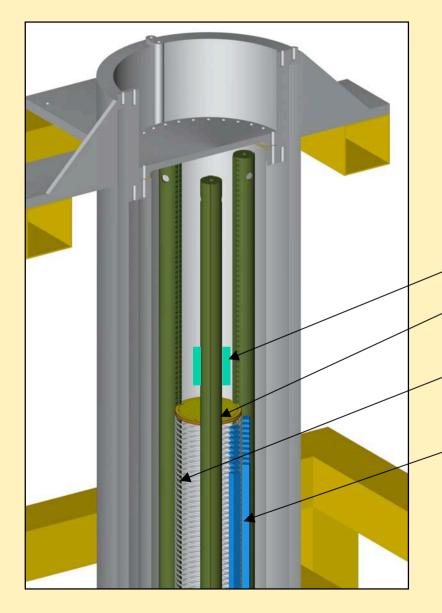
in progress: inner detector, readout system, ...

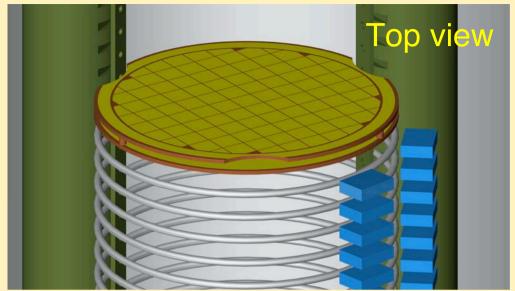


5 meters



Inner detector design



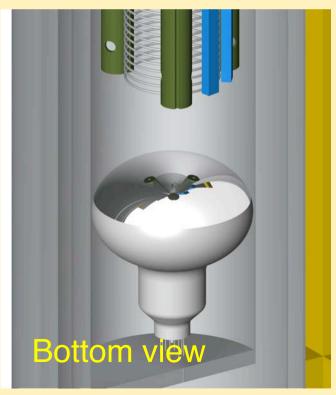


Light pulse source

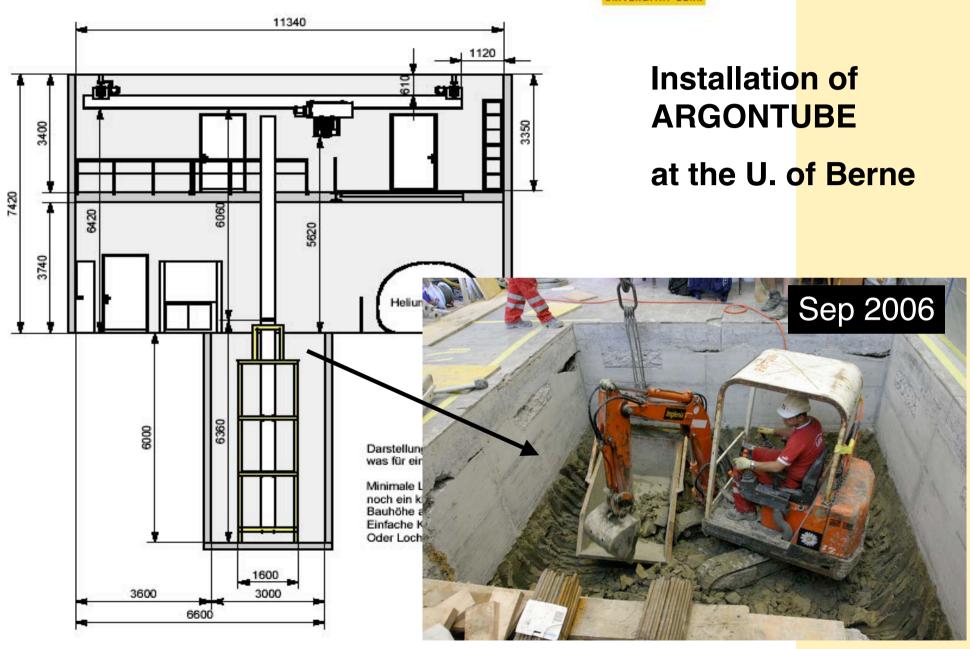
LEM

Field shaping rings (10mm spaced)

Greinacher chain



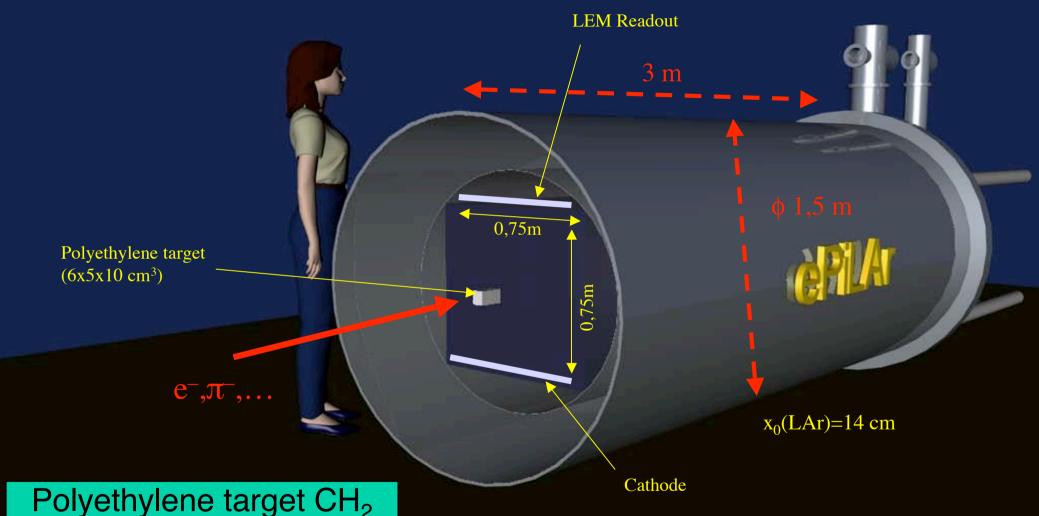




Further tests?

- The liquid Argon TPC imaging offers optimal conditions to reconstruct with very high efficiency the electron appearance signal in the energy region of interest in the GeV range, while considerably suppressing the NC background consisting of misidentified π^0 . MC studies show that an efficiency above 90% for signal can be achieved while suppressing NC background to the permil level. This MC result was shown to be true over a wide range of neutrino energy, typ. between 0 and 5 GeV.
- If verified experimentally, this implies that the intrinsic v_e background will be the dominant background in superbeams coupled to liquid Argon TPCs. For this purpose, a test-beam dedicated to the reconstruction and separation of electrons from neutral pions has been discussed.
 A dedicated test beam with clean electron and pion samples would provide an important milestone, before similar analysis are performed in the more complicated neutrino beam environment.
- A 100 ton liquid Argon TPC to complement the 1 kton Water Cerenkov detector at the potential 2km site 2.5° off-axis from the T2K beam has also been proposed. This unique experimental setup will allow to compare the performance of the liquid Argon TPC to the Water Cerenkov ring imaging and to reconstruct neutrino events directly in the same beam.

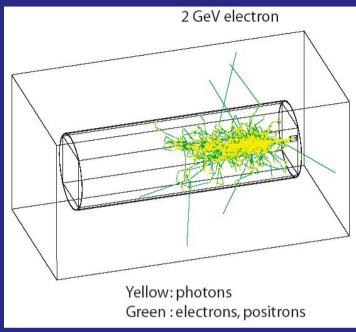
Electron and π⁰ samples:

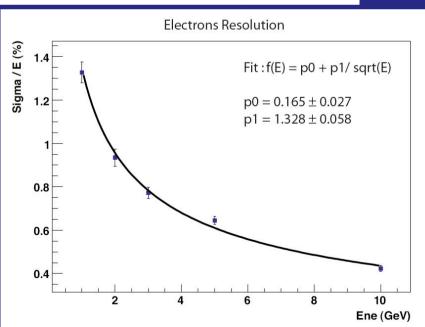


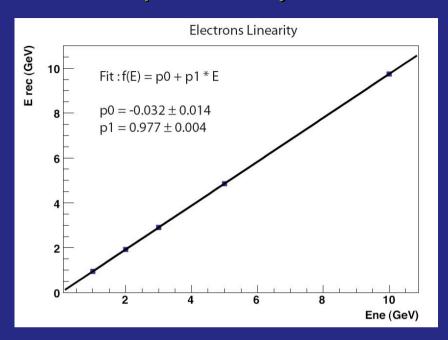
Polyethylene target CH_2 $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$ $\sigma_{CH2} \approx 30x\sigma_{Ar} \approx 10^{-3}\sigma_{inel, CH2}$

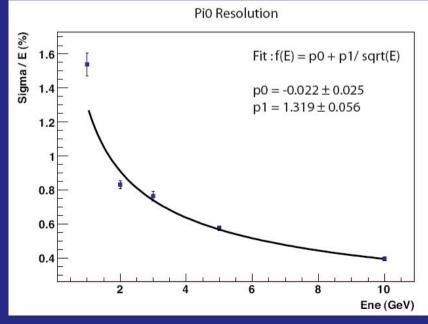
Drift time @ 1 kV/cm \approx 375 μ s Max rate/350 ms \approx 1000 particles

Expected shower containment (GEANT4)



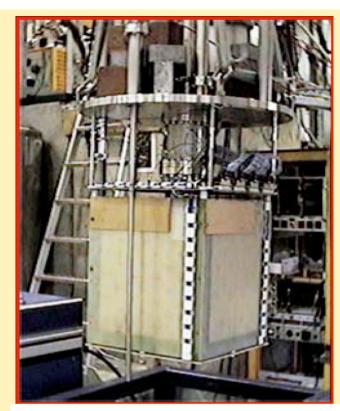






Outlook

- Around 2011-2012 after a few years of running of LHC and T2K&NovA, there will be a new landscape concerning supersymmetry, unification, and hopefully the last unknown neutrino mixing angle θ_{13} .
- These will also be the times of world distribution of new very large infrastructures.
- We continue with our R&D program, necessary to extrapolate liquid Argon TPC concept to O(100 kton) detectors. The state of the art of our conceptual design and the related R&D tests and potential test beam campaigns have been presented.
- In Europe a common design study for FP7 will help reach the required critical mass needed to study the large underground detectors with the required level of details. Worldwide coordination (e.g. NNN, NUFACT workshops) will benefit from a better coordinated EU effort.
- The large underground detector physics program concerns both nonaccelerator/astroparticle physics and neutrino accelerator physics. THIS IS A GREAT ASSET and it should be taken properly into account.



50 It chamber at CERN WANF beam (1997)





